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The following message has been sent by His Gracious Majesty the King Emperor to His Excellency the Viceroy and Crown Representative, and the same is republished for general information.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum,
11th September 1939.

M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar,
Chief Secretary to Government.

" In these days when whole civilisation is threatened, the widespread attachment of India to the cause in which we have taken up arms has been a source of deep satisfaction to Me.

I also value most highly the many and generous offers of assistance made to Me by the Princes and people of India.

I am confident that in this struggle upon which I and My peoples have now entered we can count on sympathy and support from every quarter of the Indian continent in face of common danger.

Britain is fighting for no selfish ends but for the maintenace of a principle vital to the future of mankind—the principle that relations between civilised States must be regulated, not by force, but by reason and law, so that men may live free from terror of war to pursue the happiness and well-being which should be the destiny of mankind.

GEORGE R. I."

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